



## ***Colorado REC Act At a Glance:***

### **Section 1: Sangre De Cristo Wilderness Act**

- Expands the Sangre De Cristo Wilderness Area to provide permanent protections for 40,038 acres of land located within the Rio Grande National Forest.
- Allows the Department of Agriculture to engage in forest management activities that will help prevent catastrophic wildfires, including management projects that address insect and disease infestations.
- Will add additional protections for the sensitive ecosystem around the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve while also enhancing the area's outdoor recreation economy.

### **Section 2: San Juan Mountains Recreation and Wilderness Act**

- Provides permanent protections for approximately 60,000 acres of land located within the San Juan Mountains.
- Designates approximately 30,000 acres of new wilderness near Telluride, Norwood, Ouray and Ridgeway.
- Designates approximately 20,000 acres between the towns of Ophir and Silverton as the Sheep Mountain Special Management Area.
- Preserves historic recreation uses within the Sheep Mountain Special Management Area.
- Designates approximately 790 acres near Telluride as the Liberty Bell East Special Management Area.

### **Curecanti National Recreation Area Act**

- Formally establishes the boundary for the Curecanti National Recreation Area (NRA).
- Transfers jurisdiction over the majority of the Curecanti NRA to the National Park Service, while ensuring the Bureau of Reclamation maintains jurisdiction over the three dams in the area.
- Preserves historic recreation uses within Curecanti NRA.



### **Section 3: Colorado Land Management and Recreation Act**

- Releases over 39,000 acres of Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) and an Instant Study Area (ISA) in Southwest and Northern Colorado that have been determined to be unsuitable for wilderness designations.
- The Montezuma and Dolores Counties WSA Release Act would release five WSAs to allow for the counties and the BLM to better manage noxious weeds within the WSAs and protect nearby communities from catastrophic fire events. The WSAs included for release are: Weber Mountain, Menefee Mountain, Cahone Canyon, Cross Canyon, and Squaw and Papoose Canyon (Colorado portion only).
- The North Sand Hills ISA Release Act would allow for the North Sand Hills ISA located in Jackson County, Colorado, adjacent to the North Sand Hills OHV Area, to be released and managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

### **Section 4: Yucca House National Monument Boundary Revision Act**

- Revises the boundary of the Yucca House National Monument to allow for the voluntary donation of 160 acres of property adjacent to the monument.